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ULTRA MEGA POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set right the process for putting the generation capacity addition on fast track of Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) through the execution of a slew of these 4,000 MW projects;

(b) if so, whether the Government has also added another UMPP in the list of proposed 4,000 MW projects already being executed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : The bidding process for the Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) is carried out inter alia on the basis of the Standard Bid Documents (SBDs), based on which project specific bidding documents are prepared. The SBDs have been amended six times since their issuance on 31st March, 2006. These amendments were issued on 18th May, 2006, 21st August, 2006, 22nd September, 2006, 31st January, 2007, 21st September, 2007 and on 12th November, 2007, keeping in view the feed back received from various stake holders and the experience gained during the course of implementation of the first set of the UMPPs.

(b) & (c) : Under the UMPP initiative launched by the Ministry of Power, the Central Electricity Authority had identified nine sites in different States for setting up the UMPPs. Taking up of projects is inter alia dependent upon the suitability of the site and requisite clearances being made available by the concerned State Governments. While clearances are awaited for the initially identified sites in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, recently requests have been received from these States for examining the possibility of setting up of an additional UMPP each in these States.